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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BILLER LESLIE S

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O GREENDALE CAPITAL LLC, 10877 WILSHIRE BLVD., 17TH FLOOR

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

Common

Stock

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

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Issuer

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

09/30/2005

(Instr. 8)

3.

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price (D) Amount

195.01 \$0 42,031.95 (1) A Α

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BILLER LESLIE S C/O GREENDALE CAPITAL LLC 10877 WILSHIRE BLVD., 17TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, Power of Attorney for Leslie S. Biller

10/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Includes 54.98 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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